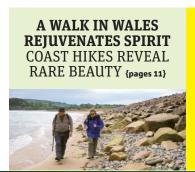


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## Watchdog to probe dealings

Parliament's ethics czar to examine a cabinet minister's dealings with Rahim Jaffer Move despite Conservatives' efforts to distance itself from the former Tory MP

Ethics commissioner Mary Dawson will look into whether Christian Paradis improperly used his position as public works minister to help out Rahim Jaffer.

Jaffer called Paradis on the minister's cellphone last August, asking him to go for beers and telling him about a project he was working on through his company, Green Power Generation, to install solar

"The sector has had this for weeks. What's the hold up?" SEBASTIEN TOGNERI

panels on federal buildings.

Paradis arranged for his parliamentary affairs director, Sebastien Togneri, to deal with Jaffer and set up meetings with bu-

Documents tabled with a House of Commons committee show that civil servants were asked to speed the process of meeting with laffer and business partner Patrick Glemaud.

Jaffer and Glemaud are facing an investigation by the lobbying commissioner. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Dutch advance

Despite some fancy footwork, Uruguay's team couldn't save itself from an exit during the World Cup semifinal match against the Netherlands. The Netherlands' 3-2 win came in dramatic fashion to face the winner of today's to World Cup final Netherlands' 3-2 win came in dramatic fashion to f. Spain-Germany semifinal matchup. Story, page 16.

#### Work

#### Slow down on off-clock hangout

Sometimes getting too close to colleagues can be detrimental Listing ways to duck out of the after-work fraternizing without offending {page 14}

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Plenty of surf and turf in Hawaii's laid-back paradise (page 12)



#### **Avalon adds** some pizzazz to sedan

Toyota rejigs its classic car to entice younger drivers {page 19}

#### Oilers play host to top prospects

Team holds development camp for newest talent {page 2}

#### **Marvellous** mushrooms

Examining the nutritious power of the portobello (page 13)



#### Andretti 'fan ... of the fans'

It's not the tight corners or lightning fast straight-aways of Edmonton's Honda Indy track that gets Marco Andretti's blood boiling. It's the roar of the crowd.

That's exactly what the man with the legendary lineage looks forward to hearing when the checkered flag drops on July 25.

"I'm a fan of the Canadian races because of the fans," Andretti said, from his family cabin yesterday morning. "I think that the

Canadian fans are awesome and as drivers, it just makes us want to work even harder to perform for them. When we know we're getting the appreciation back, it's a good feeling."

Andretti said he and the rest of the drivers have their work cut out for them once the rubber hits the road.

"It's one of the most physically demanding courses that we go to, probably the most," he

"It's a really high speed road/street course and it's very bumpy and challenging."
Andretti finished 10th

in last year's race and hopes to improve on that result this year.

"We've strung together a few podiums including Indianapolis and we've led a lot of laps this year," he said. "We just haven't led the right laps, so that's the goal from here on out.'

ANDREAS MORSE





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## Oilers' top picks put through paces

Young prospects seek to impress at this week's development camp



With a new season approaching, the Edmonton Oilers began their 2010 Development Camp at Clareview Arena yesterday.

The arena will host all the Oilers' top prospects, including top picks Jordan Eberle, Magnus Paajarvi-Svensson, and Taylor Hall.

Swedish draftee Magnus Paaiarvi-Svensson is one of the top young picks at camp, and says that everyone is working hard as a team to make the cut.

"On the ice ... you almost speak the same 'hockey language,'" said Paajarvi-Svensson. "We got a few days here, I hope we can all make good of it and develop as people and as players.

#### Clareview arena

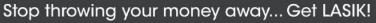
Camp two hours each day.

Fans The Development Camp will run from 10 a.m. to noon July 6-9 at Clareview arena. Spectators are welcome.

28The number of players attending this year's Development Camp.

Longtime Oilers fan Jeff Sawalha says that the new prospects give hope for the future. "I think this is great for the city," said Sawalha. "There's a certain buzz in the arena, and everyone's excited to get the season going ... I don't expect them to blow any teams out of the water, right now they just need to give the new guys time to develop.







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The Alberta government has set aside more than \$200 million to help people, businesses and local governments repair damage from heavy flooding in the south.

The money will cover damage that insurance companies don't, as well as help municipalities

with emergency costs.

Registration centres open across southern Alberta starting today where people can apply for money after first checking with their in-

Communities across southern Alberta from Pincher Creek all the way to the Saskatchewan boundary were swamped last month when heavy rains hit the area.

Damage done between June 15 and 21 is eligible for coverage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Missing woman's body identified

Police say they found the of Sheri Lynn Popowich, missing since Saturday, in the Westridge Ravine in southwest Edmonton Monday evening.

The 38-year-old disappeared after she left her home on her morning walk around 11 a.m., according to family mem-

An autopsy confirmed the body found by police was that of Popowich yesterday afternoon.

Spokesperson Patrycia Thenu said police are treating the death as suspicious and homicide detectives are on the case.

"When a death is suspicious, it's typically investigated by our homicide detectives," Thenu said.

According to police, the family had been con-cerned for Popowich's safety after her disappearance because of ongoing health issues.

ANDREAS MORSE

## City offers green for clean washers



#### Rebates will be handed out on first-come, first-served basis

Coun. Don Iveson aired his dirty laundry yesterday at city hall as he announced rebates for Energy Star-rated clothes washers.

The City of Edmonton's Office of Environment, through its CO2RE program, is offering a \$75 rebate to the first 1,500 Edmontonians who buy the high-efficiency washing machines.

"When we think about some of the big environmental issues of our time. such as the effects of burning fossil fuels and dwindling oil resources, it can appear difficult to see how individuals can help," Iveson said.

"But it's the changes we make in our everyday lives that can have the greatest effect on the environment.

People who buy energyefficient washing machines between July 1 and Dec. 31 can apply for the rebate from the city through Climate Change Central.

The city's rebate program has a budget of \$115,000.

"If many people do little things, we can have a big impact," Iveson explained.



To apply for the rebate, visit climate changecentral.com/ my-rebates/clothes washer

#### truck-train collision

The driver of a pickup truck is dead after a collision with a train yesterday. The early morning crash with a Canadian Pacific Railway freight happened in the town of Olds, about 95 kilometres north of Calgary. A CPR spokesman says witnesses saw the truck go through a wooden crossing arm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Man dies in | RCMP seek help in booze theft

RCMP are asking for the public's help in their investigation of a robbery at a St. Albert liquor store on April 2. Mission Liquor Mart, located on McKenney Avenue, reported that a man in his early 20s entered the store between 12 and 1 p.m. and stole a case of Kokanee Beer and a bottle of vodka. METRO EDMONTON



#### **U.S. politician opposes pipeline**

A well-known congressman with a key role in shaping U.S. energy policy launched the latest salvo against a controversial Alberta-to-Texas oil pipeline proposal yesterday.

California Democrat Henry Waxman, who chairs the House of Repreenergy and committee, sentatives' commerce called TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL pipeline a "step in the wrong direction" in a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose approval is needed before construction can begin.

At the heart of Waxman's opposition is that crude shipped on Key"This pipeline is a multibillion-dollar investment to expand our reliance on the dirtiest source of transportation fuel currently available."

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY WAXMAN

stone comes from the Alberta oilsands, a vast refrequently source slammed by environmental groups.

In his letter, Waxman said Keystone XL would roughly double U.S. imports of oilsands crude.

He cited a Natural Resources Defence Council study that found the full life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions of oilsands crude to be 37 per cent higher than conventional sources.

TransCanada rebutted several of Waxman's points in a statement yes-

"We respect Representative Waxman's views but disagree with his assertions," spokesman Terry Cunha wrote in an email, calling the more than two-year-long State Department review process "diligent, comprehensive and transparent." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### Obama touts 'special bond' with Israel

U.S. President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to warm rocky relations yesterday, declaring after a White House meeting that any talk of a rift is unfounded. Obama said the U.S.-Israeli bond is unbreakable.

For his part, Netanyahu said of solving years of strife with Palestinians: "We're committed to that peace. I'm committed to that peace." And he said that reports of the demise of the U.S.-Israeli relationship are "flat wrong."

Netanyahu said without elaborating that he and Obama discussed specific steps that could be taken in the coming weeks to move the peace process forward. "When I say the next few weeks, that's what I mean," he said. "The president means that too."

The meeting between Obama and Netanyahu



"The United States is committed to Israel's security. ... We are committed to that special bond. And we are going to do what's required to back that up, not just with words, but with actions."

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

was their first since a troubled White House get-together on March 23.

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WINNIPEG BOARDING SCHOOL

#### Abuse scandal widens

Police have named 10 more victims and have laid more than 20 new charges in a sexual assault scandal at a Winnipeg boarding school.

An 18-year-old man,

An 18-year-old man, who had already been charged with sexually assaulting, threatening and confining a younger student, now faces similar charges involving 10 other alleged victims.

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downtown

The man is from China and was charged in April in what officials say was organized bullying among students who boarded at St. John's-Ravenscourt School last fall

It's alleged that senior students threatened the younger boarders, holding them down and placing a wood stick against their buttocks. Three youths have also been charged in the case.

St. John's-Ravenscourt has 830 students enrolled in classes from kindergarten to Grade 12, including 50 boarding students in Grades 8 and UD. THE CANDIAN PRESS



## Police call for civilian review

◆ Toronto police chief declines to comment on police services board's decision to hold independent civilian review of G20 security tactics

The Toronto police services board has called for an independent civilian review of the way that security was handled by police during the G20 summit.

In his recommendation, Board Chair Alok Mukherjee suggested an impartial civilian overseer chosen to conduct the review. The yet-to-be-named independent reviewer will be chosen by the sevenmember board in time for its July 22 meeting.

its July 22 meeting.
That individual will then have about 12 weeks to complete the review with the power to ques-

tion board and police policy and actions relating to G20 security.

The review comes after more than 900 people were arrested during G20 protests, which saw vandals smash windows and burn police cars.

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#### Voices heard?

Dozens of people attended yesterday's board meeting expecting to have their say. Many shouted out their protests but were told they needed written submissions.

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A European Union lawmaker called yesterday for member governments to open their secret files on UFOs, saying people need to know about close encounters of the third kind.

Mario Borghezio, an Italian member of the European Parliament, told the Associated Press in an e-mail that the EU needs its own X Files archive where anyone can see information on UFOs — including data gathered by the military. Borghezio

said all European governments should go public and stop what he called a "systematic coverup."

Opening the files is not unprecedented: Last year, Britain published 4,000 pages online on 800 alleged encounters with aliens during the 1980s and 1990s. And over the past three years the British defence ministry has been releasing previously secret UFO papers after facing Freedom of Information demands.

Borghezio also said it is essential to have a scientific centre to research unidentified flying objects. Its investigations could have "major scientific and technological spinoffs," he said.

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#### Dam could be trouble in Mexico

About 18,000 people were evacuated yesterday from a town in northern Mexico where authorities fear a dam will overflow in the wake of Hurricane Alex.

Evacuees were taken to shelters in nearby towns and cities, Ciudad Anahuac Mayor Santos Garza Garcia said.

The Venustiano Carranza dam, about 70 kilometres away, has reached capacity after days of heavy rains.

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### **Gunman shoots** 6 dead in Egypt bus rampage

• Driver confessed to targeting colleagues on bus Rare case of workplace violence in Arab nation

A disgruntled employee of an Egyptian construction yesterday opened fire on his col-leagues, killing six and wounding 16, before surrendering, police and company officials said.

According to police, the gunman, a driver, pulled over the company bus in western Cairo, whipped out an assault rifle and showered his passengers with bullets.

The Arab Contractors company identified the assailant as 53-year-old Mah-Sweilam. In statement issued after the



attack, the company said he had hidden his weapon under the bus seat and then turned himself in after the shooting, which took place just 300 metres

from company premises. Effat Abdullah, the company spokesman, said that Sweilam spent 20 years in the company, one of the largest construction companies in Egypt, but declined to comment on a possible motive for the at-

According to the security official, the gunman appeared to have suffered severe depression after he was transferred to a new position.

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#### San Fermin Fiestas start in Spain

The European country shrugged of its recent economic woes as thousands packed into Pamplona's main square to spray each other with wine as a firecracker rocket blasted off to start Spain's famous San Fermin bull-running festival.

#### **Priest** charged in \$1.3M theft

A Connecticut Catholic priest was charged yesterday with stealing \$1.3 million US in church money over seven years to use for male escorts, expensive clothing and luxury hotels and restaurants.

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## suit against denies Arizona

The Obama administration filed suit vesterday against Arizona over its controversial immigration law, making a legal attempt to kill the measures described by President Barack Obama as a serious threat to U.S. civil rights. The associated press

## secret cash

French President Nicolas Sarkozy denied a report that his 2007 election campaign received \$188,000 US in secret donations from France's richest woman. saying the allegations were an effort to smear him.

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#### Bigger may not be better

▶ Mergers are supposed to improve service, but often don't ▶ Customers complain service becomes less personal after a merger

The world's largest technology companies have been on a buying spree, spending billions to snap up smaller companies. And often the buyers say they're doing it for their customers — businesses, hospitals, schools and government agencies.

As tech companies get bigger, they say, they can offer a broader variety of products and make it easier for their customers.

Yet if you ask the customers, you hear a different story. Often they get new headaches with multibil-

lion-dollar deals by the likes of Oracle, IBM and Hewlett-Packard.

Larry Bonfante, chief information officer of the United States Tennis Association, started battling recently with one of his suppliers, which supports

USTA's computer applica-

He says it was bought a year ago by a large, publicly traded company. "Our relationship with that company since then has gone absolutely into the tank," Bonfante says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# ► Feminist Initiative leader Gudrun Schyman sets a wad of money ablaze in Visby, Sweden, yesterday. MAKERIK HURRIUS SOM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Women fired up over pay

Protesters burned 100,000 kronor (\$13,800) — the amount Swedish women miss out every minute in comparison to men — in a rally against unequal pay for men and women in Sweden yesterday.

### Chapters, Indigo expand products

Book lovers should expect to see more toys, teapots and trinkets in Indigo Books and Music as the company diversifies its instore product mix to adapt to a growing trend towards downloadable electronic books.

Indigo, which operates shops primarily under the Indigo, Chapters and Coles banners, is planning a transformation that will see it operate as "the world's first cultural department store," CEO Heather Reisman told the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Reisman said she believes there will always be customers who prefer bricks-and-mortar stores to online ordering or reading in digital format. Though Indigo itself has moved to tap into the digi-



tal market with the recent launch of its Kobo e-reader, Reisman said many customers still crave a tangible, human experience.

"Traffic in our stores is actually increasing," she said after the company outlined its three-year growth strategy to share-holders. The company is also targeting a younger demographic.

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## Quebec expected to help pharmacies

Pharmacy chain Jean Coutu Group Inc. said yesterday it expects the Quebec government to come up with measures to help it cope with a government move to drop the prices on generic drugs.

"The Jean Coutu Group strongly believes that offsetting measures need to be adopted," president and CEO Francois Coutu told a conference call.

The Quebec government recently announced it expects to save \$164 million a year from lower prices on generic drugs.

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#### THE END IS NIGH. NOW PASS THE MUSTARD

Just sayin'

PAUL
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Greed is not good.

ook where it gets us.
Not to sound like an
Old Testament
prophet, but unless
we change our ways
— and soon — the
end is near.

If you don't believe me—
there's a respected Wall Street
technical analyst who has read
the signs and warns the Dow
Jones Industrial Average is about
to shrink below 1,000, or 9,000
points less than it is today.

At the same time, wildlife is coughing up tarballs from Galveston to Sarasota, and the Arctic is melting.

The signs aren't good. Nonetheless, wretched excess is alive and well, and if recent events indicate, it recognizes no class boundaries. In short, there is no class.

The Queen, for example, spent the weekend at places and events with her name on them:

The Queen's Plate and Queen's Park, wearing a couple of selections from the Royal Hat Collection. She has 500 hats. I can understand one for the sun, one for the rain and one for the cold, but 500? At a time when the U.K. is

suffering through the longest recession in its history (and that's some history), the Queen's hat budget needs to be trimmed. She should endure the same cuts as the rest of the government, 25 per cent across the board, requiring her to take 125 hats to the Goodwill. Off with her hats!

The ruling class is not alone in its unclassy behaviour.

Wretched excess is alive and well at the trailer park end of the spectrum, too. How else to explain the annual spectacle of Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest, held every July 4, a

great American tradition? This year's winner, for the fourth year running, was Joey (Jaws) Chestnut, who managed to choke down 54 dogs in 10 minutes. It was not a pretty sight — but that did not deter thousands

of people from turning up to watch in 40 degree heat.

Jaws was disappointed: He was reaching for a record 70 dogs in the allotted 10 minutes. Last year, in more temperate conditions, he downed 68. His arch rival, the world's No. 3 ranked glutton, Takeru Kobayashi, who sat out this year's contest due to a contract dispute with Major League Eating, crashed the stage and threatened to give the crowd a free demonstration of virtuoso hotdog eating.

The NYPD carted Kobi off to jail and Jaws took the Mustard Belt home for another year. I am not making this up.

My point is simple: No one gets it. From the highest to the lowest, we're cruisin' for a correction.

Meanwhile, pass the mustard.

#### **Cartoon**

### I TOLD YOU THERE IS "FOREIGN INFLUENCE" IN CANADA.



#### **Noteworthy**

Octopus predicts Spanish victory

The eight-legged oracle has spoken: Paul the octopus says Spain will sink Germany in their World Cup semifinal. The floppy soccer fan from Oberhausen's Sea Life Aquarium chose a mussel from a glass tank marked

with a Spanish flag yesterday and ignored a tank emblazoned with Germany's colours, spokesman Daniel Fey said. Amid intense anticipation

Amid intense anticipation of today's game, the eight-legged expert's pick was carried live by two national all-news television stations.
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### MPs and their side jobs

#### Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should MPs be allowed to moonlight?
TORONTO. Yes, MPs should be allowed to have their own business. But if they have a business or other job and are also an MP, they should only be paid a part-time salary.

If they have other inter-

or they have other interests besides serving the public let their wage also reflect their split interests. That's how we will get this economy back on the right track. Stop gouging the public (i.e., HST).

We asked: Who will win the World Cup? EDMONTON. This World Cup is already determined Speaking out

"My point is

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by the numbers:

1. Brazil won the World Cup in 1994; before that it also won in 1970. Adding 1970 + 1994 = 3,964.

2. Argentina won its last World Cup in 1986; it also won in 1978. Adding 1978 + 1986 = 3,964.

3. Germany won its last World Cup in 1990; it also won in 1974. Adding 1974 + 1990 = 3,964. 4. Therefore, if you want to know what nation is going to win the World Cup in 2010, you only have to subtract 2010 from the magic number we have determined: 3,964. 3,964 minus 2010 = 1954.

In 1954, the World Cup was won by Germany. Probably not scientific, but pretty interesting. SHARAN PAL SANDHU What's your ideal or dream summer vacation?
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#### Metro Minute at Mill Creek Ravine

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door Pool Closures or call 780-442-5261.

Mill Creek outdoor pool has partial accessibility, with an accessible side entrance and change rooms. Washrooms are not accessible and there is no pool lift. Mill Creek Pool will be open until the end of August and is located at 9555-84 Ave.

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## scene

## The connection

Brad Pitt is rumoured to be sought to play investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist in the Hollywood version of the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.



## Swede turns up heat

◆ The second installment of the popular Millenium Trilogy novels The Girl Who Played With Fire hits theatres ◆ Series a global phenomenon ◆ Lisbeth not your average Hollywood heroine



Who could have forseen that a series of posthumously published Swedish mystery thrillers centered around a borderline insane, kickboxing, bisexual, computer-hacking super genius street punk running around Stockholm solving sex crimes would become one of the biggest literary and cinematic franchises of the decade?

But the late Stieg Larrsson's Millennium Trilogy and their juggernaut film adaptations have accomplished just such a feat. Scandinavian entertainments that Americans are going gaga for in all their media incarnations.

This week, the middle chapter of the series, The Girl Who Played With Fire opens in select North American cities. And, although there's a new director on board for both this installment, the film's central character Lisbeth Salander

8,000,000
The Girl With The
Dragon Tattoo, the
first novel in the
Millennium trilogy on
which the films are
based, has sold over 8
million copies, breaking records for
international sales.



(Noomi Rapace) remains one of the silver screens most arresting female presences

"Lisbeth is a magnificent creature," says Fire director Daniel Alfredson.

"She's both human and superhuman. She does things we wish we could do at the worst of times but she's also vulnerable."

Fire sees Lisbeth back in action a year after the events of the first film. Reporter Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) still pines for his former lover and partner, and — when she's

framed for a rash of murders — it's up to Blomkvist to rescue his damsel. Though, with her lethal abilities, she does a good job fending for herself. "She's had a very rough

"She's had a very rough time," Alfredson says of the character.

the character.

"She has had a horrible upbringing, horrible things happened to her and you learn about some of them here and some in the final chapter (The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nes, due out later this year). So when she reacts violently or crazv to a situation, she

has her reasons..."

Like its predecessor, the film is as sexually charged as it is ultra violent, especially during an extended, animalistic same-sex encounter that will no doubt leave audiences goggle eved.

eyed.
"The sex needed to be there," Alfredson believes.

"It happens early in the film and it was important to have Lisbeth have extreme pleasure and a human connection before her entire world falls apart again, which it most certainly does."

#### Background

- Millennium Trilogy author Stieg Larsson never lived to see his work reach the screen, or even published for that matter. He died of a heart attack soon after submitting his manuscripts.
- ➤ The film version of The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo remains the highest grossing Swedish film of all time, and an American remake — with Seven director David Fincher attached — has been announced.







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#### **Celebrity tweets**



Kirstie [@kirstieallev1 TAR-GET has got

clothes..just picked some up for my God Daughter! NO I don't work for



Cindy Crawford [@Cindy Crawford]

Spent the day a Raging Waters for my son's birthday. Waterslides are fun at any age!



Jason Mraz [@jason mrazl When I fi-

nally get home after this eye opening journey in the Gulf, I plan to start saving energy immediately - by sleeping all weekend.



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### Gaga beats Obama in friends primary

Flamboyant singing sensation the first living person to exceed 10 million fans on a social network

When it comes to friends, at least those of the Facebook brand, it seems Lady Gaga has more than any living person - over 10 million of them.

The singer, who's been charting a new course for pop culture, has become the first living person to reach, and apparently quickly exceed, 10 million friends on the popular social networking website. That, according to vari-

about reports, is 700,000 more than U.S. President Barack Obama.

The 24-year-old music and media sensation formerly known as Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, is currently in the midst of her enormously successful Monster Ball

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#### **Kelsey sets the** record straight

Kelsey Grammer is fighting back against accusa-tions that his failure to call his kids on Father's Day is what finally convinced his wife, Camille Donatacci Grammer, to file for di-

"The truth is I did call my kids that evening," he says on his website. "Frankly, I was surprised that they did not call me in the morning."

The former Frasier star also took issue with a report that he'd been out on a date with a mystery

13years. Grammer and wife Camille have been married since 1997. The couple has two children.

blonde, who turned out to be his daughter from a previous marriage. "I do take issue with the characterization that we were smooching but surely if that were the case then even I admit it might be newsworthy in some fashion," he says.

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#### Lohan 'cast' in prison stint

A judge yesterday found Lindsay Lohan in violation of probation in a 2007 drug case after prosecutors said she failed to attend courtordered alcohol education classes

She was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

The ruling came during a hearing set for the Mean Girls star after she missed a court date in May. She has been required to wear an ankle alcohol monitor since then.

Lohan was promoting a film project at the time at the Cannes Film Festival and claimed her passport was stolen, associated press



#### **Diddy show** a 'didn't'

Rowdy crowds waiting in line for a July Fourth pool party featuring Sean "Diddy" Combs forced the event to be shut down before the rap and fashion mogul had a chance to enter. Police shut down the party early yesterday, forcing some 1,800 guests out of the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City nightclub known as The Pool. On his Twitter feed, Diddy wrote, "I just shut down Åtlantic City! The party was so crazy I couldn't even get in! THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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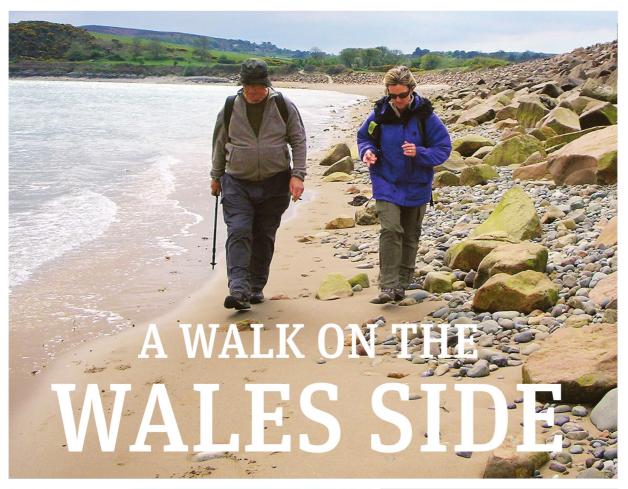






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As the clouds thinned, and chinks of sunlight speckled the ocean, my little sister turned and said: "God, that's prettier than the Greek islands."

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But this wasn't a Greek island. It wasn't even close to a Greek island.

It was Wales, a place famed for mines, rugby and sheep — not necessarily in that order.

So it was strange that, on a cliff edge somewhere near Mynydd Mawr, I felt myself nodding in complete agreement — genuinely amazed at how beautiful this place was.

It hadn't always been like this. I'm not a natural walker, nor am I a natural



lover of Wales, having been forced to spend pretty much every family holiday of my entire childhood years in a tiny hamlet called Morfa Nefyn, a place proudly devoid of anything that might interest a sulky teenager.

The origins of why we were here lay slightly lost in a fug of a drink-fuelled evening, but here we were — me, two of my sisters and my dad, all signed up for a walking tour with specialists Celtic Trails (celtic-trails.com).

To be honest, on day one I felt like I'd lost a bet.

We walked out of the hotel into one of those imperceptibly fine mists and bundled ourselves into an awaiting taxi taking us to the start of a 13km hike from Nefyn to Towyn.

As we hit Nefyn beach the sun suddenly appeared bang on cue and, even weirder, as we strode out across the cliff tops cliché after cliché started to fall into place. My city office suddenly really did seem the claustrophobic pigeon-holes that it is, the air really did seem cleaner, the soul really was stirred and, by god, it was beautiful.

Day 2 was a 15 km hike across isolated beaches and craggy cliffs to Porth Oer.

Day 3 took in the surreal Whistling Sands (it squeaks when you walk on it), the massive seascapes around St Mary's Well and the lovely little village of Aberdaron.

It rained a bit and noone cared, walking in such a deeply splendid landscape was starting to feel vaguely zen-like.

The guide books will tell you of the fascinating history, the ancient churches, the Druid settlements, and it is all there for you to find

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#### **Classic Monte** Cristo with a twist

#### **Preparation:**

- In a shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Set aside.
- Lay 4 slices of bread on a clean work surface and spread top-side of each with mustard. Top each slice with cheese, turkey and another laver of cheese. Arrange apricot slices on top and sandwich with remaining bread. Press down on each sandwich.
- Dip each sandwich into egg mixture, turning to coat all sides.
- Working in batches as necessary, melt butter until foamy in a large non-stick skillet set over medium-low heat.
- Place sandwiches in skillet, cover and cook until bottom is golden brown. Flip sandwiches, cover and continue to cook until cheese is melted and bottom is aolden brown,

about four minutes.

Remove

from pan.

#### Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk (whole,
- 2% or low fat)
   1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 slices bread
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 oz Fontina cheese, grated (about 1/3 cup) • 4 slices thick-cut (about 1/8-inch) deli turkey breast
- 4 fresh apricots, pitted
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- Substitute 1 cup of grilled portobello mushrooms for sausage in pasta and save 632 mg of sodium.

"It is becoming very important for us to increase our consumption of this vitamin," she says.

Mushrooms contain a compound called ergos-terol that is turned into vitamin D in the body.



Jones says that other nutrients such as vitamins and minerals found in mushrooms include essential traces of iron, potassium, phosphorus, magnesium, copper and selenium.

In fact, one portobello mushroom has more potassium than a banana, she points out.

Mushrooms contain no sodium, but are big on umami, which is an acid that rounds out other flavours to add taste satis-

'You can also substitute mushrooms for protein, so there are a variety of reasons why they really fit the bill for consumers," says Jones.

Are your children picky eaters who don't like mushrooms? Jones says she hasn't had a problem getting her kids to eat them. "I serve them along with other raw vegetables with their favourite dipping sauce," she says.

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#### **Preparation:**

- In a small saucepan, mix oil, soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, mustard, onions and ginger root. Set
- Pile mushrooms in centre of a piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle with teriyaki sauce. Fold in edges and ends to seal well. Barbecue over high heat for five minutes or until steaming. Heat dressing on barbecue or stovetop just until boiling.
- Divide salad greens evenly among 4 large salad plates. Top with warm mushroom slices and drizzle with hot

#### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp each vegetable oil and soy sauce
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard • 2 green onions,
- chopped 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp finely minced
- ginger root 1 lb sliced assorted
- fresh mushrooms (white, cremini, portobello, shiitake, oyster)
- 3 tbsp teriyaki sauce 16 cups mixed salad
- greens or baby spinach
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds

dressing. Sprinkle

#### News in brief

## Booming U.S. enrolment leads to cuts in marketing

EDUCATION Several American community colleges have reduced their advertising budgets because they don't have any trouble recruiting students, especially with the poor economy helping to drive up enrolment re-ports Inside Higher Ed. Florida-based Brevard Community College, where enrolment has grown by a third in the last three years, cut its advertising budget by 62 per cent this fiscal year. One college president told Inside Higher Ed they are not worried about the lavish advertising spending by for-profit counterpart schools because in their view if they have a terrific product. metro

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• For co-workers who clock a lot of overtime together, the border between colleagues and amigos can slacken, or dissappear altogether

## Hanging out after clocking off from work



It's good and natural that folks who work, collaborate and trod the extra mile together often also hang together, career counsellors say. But beware, they say, of the limitations of a work friendship, as the work part has its way of spoiling the friendship.

The danger is acutely present in small, claustrophobic businesses — where chances for advancement are few and coveted — or in sales departments, where the contest for commissions can curdle a mutual trust.

But in any professional environment, workplace relationship expert Courtney Anderson urges employees to be realistic about the friendships they take on.

"I don't know why people forget the difference

#### Too close?

Many times, it's the friendships that have grown too close that become too physically close, Anderson says. Many harassment cases happen between pals, off campus — at Christmas parties and happy hours where interpersonal boundaries shift. between work friends and real friends, but they do," she says. "To me, it's simple. If you met these people at work, they're a work friend."

Clearing personal space between office buddies can be a job of its own — after all, you work

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together. A slip-out-oflunch card like, "I have a lot of work to do," may fall flat.

Nonetheless, Escape From Corporate America author Pamela Skillings suggests you occasionally escape the after-hours getaway — running errands or laps at the gym are inoffensive alternatives. If need be, she offers, invite co-workers who don't usually come out.

"Open it up to more of a group effort," she says. "That's more of a team event, instead of the same two people gossiping every day at lunch."

Anderson agrees, and adds that work friends on lunch break should keep the conversation upbeat, and minimize any slander aimed at other colleagues.

"Talk about American Idol — regular, innocuous stuff," she advises.



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#### N.L. gets \$14M for fisheries

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Newfoundland and Labrador government announced last week a \$14-million investment to expand long-term fisheries science capabilities for the province.

#### Dawson to tackle violence

CONFERENCE Dawson Col-

lege and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges will stage an international conference on school violence at Dawson in Sept. 2011.

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### Twitter doesn't mix with college

education The Chronical of Higher Learning reports a survey of 200 prospective students and 70 admissions offices found that while 40 per cent of college admissions offices Twitter, just 15 per cent of students do.

## Don't just stare, get to know your professor

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Over the last year, connections between undergrads and faculty are being more and more scrutinized, as number of studies — both scientific and informal — have all pointed to the same thing: Students learn and achieve more, when they have a relationship with their professor.

"If a student gets to know the professor outside of class, it helps them within the classroom," says Dr. Tod W. Burke, a professor at Radford University. "Not only does the student wish to please the professor, but the student begins to feel they will be letting them down if they do not do their best work."

Professors don't seem surprised by the recent finding. In communicating with a cross-section of more than 30 professors, most say that when a personal relationship is fostered with a student, they too feel a greater sense of accountability. And this often has an effect on grades.

"If a student has an

"If a student has an 89.3 average and is engaging in class, it's natural to give that person the benefit of the doubt and bump it to an A," says John Mooney, a professor at Berkeley College's Manhattan campus.

But when asked the

But when asked the best time to approach a teacher, nearly every professor said that before and after class is not good. They said that the rare students that take advantage of office hours often do better in the course.

The perfect tactic? Bring a rough version of an assignment during office hours. Try to determine if you're on the right track before handing it in.

## What a uAlberta prof says...

Patricia Tao, professor in the music department at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, says what stands out is a student who is engaged in the subject. "A student who shows genuine interest, who participates in class discussions, who asks questions and who comes prepared — those students, you definitely do notice," she says.

"The students who look at you bored, you also notice, but not for the right reasons," she laughs. "A lot of them don't know what they look like when you're lecturing them. It's so disturbing to see students looking really, really uninterested in the subject matter."

Regularly turn up prepared and curious and you'll stand out from the crowd, she says. Before and after class are generally good times to talk to a professor, though some might be rushing off to other commitments. "Most professors have office hours and that's probably the best time for a student to talk," she says. • JON TATTRE

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#### EMPLOYER IS ON THE HOOK FOR BULLY BOSS

pens when an employee is assaulted by a supervisor? As an Ontario court just ruled, when push comes to shove, the employer may also be responsible. Richard Ayotte was a pushy boss — literally. Ayotte was seen as critical, intimidating and aggressive, thinking it would achieve results.

When one of his staff, Marta Piresferreira, allegedly failed to book a meeting, Ayotte yelled and swore at her, refused to listen to her explanation and pushed her into a filing cabinet.

When Piresferreira followed him to his office to protest his behaviour, Ayotte threatened her with probation

Piresferreira later returned to work expecting an apology. Instead, she was given a Performance Improvement Plan requiring her to report to Ayotte daily or face discipline, including termination. She refused to sign, went home, and complained to the company, Bell Mobility.

The same day,
Piresferreira received a
letter from Bell stating
it had spoken to Ayotte
and that he would apologize—and then the

case would be closed. No one spoke with Piresferreira to get her side of the story or to express concern for what had happened.

Bell made several attempts to get Piresferreira to return to her job. Eventually Bell just claimed that she had resigned. Piresferreira was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and never returned to work.

At trial, the judge held Bell responsible for Ayotte's actions and for failing to treat Piresferreira with civility and respect. Piresferreira was constructively dismissed and awarded over \$500,000 in damages because she could not work again. Bell appealed.

Recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed that Piresferreira was constructively dismissed, but reduced the damages to a year of lost wages and \$45,000 for mental distress arising from her dismissal. Both Bell and Ayotte were responsible to pay the award.

Employers can also be responsible for the acts of their employees, however ill advised.

As well, Bell's failure to investigate compounded its own liability



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Sports in brief

## What a treat: Dutch in Cup final

#### Netherlands head to World Cup final after defeating Uruguay



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The Netherlands is in the World Cup final.
Dutch stars Wesley Snei-

jder and Arjen Robben scored three minutes apart in the second half as the Netherlands beat Uruguay 3-2 yesterday to advance to its first championship match since losing in 1978 to Argentina.

"We are so close," Snei-jder said. "There is nothing bigger than the World

Winners of all six games in South Africa, the Oranje will face either Germany or Spain in Sunday's title game at Soccer City in Johannesburg. The Nether-lands lost its other appearance in the final, to West Germany in 1974.

Both of those title-game defeats came during the golden period of Dutch soccer, and in the opposition's homeland. No such worries this time, and no country outside of Africa has had as much fan support as the Netherlands.

Inside Green Point Stadium it looked like a Florida orange grove. Outside, a Netherlands fan in a blueand-white bodysuit stood on stilts and played a vuvuzela — badly. It was about the only thing that didn't measure up for the Dutch.

And a tournament that looked like a South American fiesta early on will end in a European showdown for the second straight World Cup. Sneijder and Robben made sure of that.

"This is unforgettable," said Sneijder, now tied with Spain's David Villa for top scorer at the tournament (five goals). "It was a tough fight and toward the end we complicated matters.

"Sunday we play in the World Cup final. I have to get used to that."
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Durant gets weekly CFL honour.

Caster Semenya cleared to return to competitive track and field.

LeBron will reveal his NBA plans during an ESPN special on Thursday.

#### Glorious goals

Wesley Sneijder's goal came somewhat unexpectedly because Uruguay had shut down the Dutch offence for much of the second half. His left-footed shot from just inside the penalty area barely ticked the lea of defender Maximiliano Pereira before it skidded past

goalkeeper Fernando Muslera.

Then Arjen Robben sent a cross from Dirk Kuyt past a flat-footed Muslera with a brilliant header as Robben was leaping away from the net. His teammates piled on in an Oranje Crush celebration, and Robben came up from it with mud on his forehead and a smile on his face.

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## Wells trotting all the way to derby

Delue Jays outfielder to participate in home run contest during all-star festivities • Teammate Bautista, who leads league in homers, not invited

Vernon Wells is one of the four American League representatives for next week's home run derby, while Toronto Blue Jays teammate Jose Bautista, the loop's longball leader, is not.

The announcement was made yesterday by Major League Baseball, which also said Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, Boston's David Ortiz and Robinson Cano of the Yankees will take part for the AL.

Matt Holliday of the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee's Corey Hart will swing for the National League, with two more representatives

named later.

Wells, who didn't start in yesterday's 7-6 loss to the Minnesota Twins because of a stomach illness, has 19 homers this season. Bautista and Cincinnati's Joey Votto of Toronto began the day tied for the major-league lead with 21.

"I don't know what happened there. I guess they asked the old man first," Wells said of being invited over of Bautista.

"I think it's something fun to do. Everything that you hear about guys not hitting home runs and stuff like that, I don't consider myself a home run hitter so it really doesn't matter. Hopefully I at least hit one ball out of the park."

Asked if he had been invited, Bautista replied "not vet" and seemed unfazed by word that Wells had been chosen. But manager Cito Gaston seemed surprised by the news, apparently under the impression that both his

players would be going. Either way, Gaston has no concerns about having one of his key hitters take part in Monday's derby, an event some past partici-pants have blamed for messing up their swings.

"Let those guys go and have a good time," said Gaston. "Who knows if you're going to get back there again, so enjoy the whole thing." THE CANADIAN

#### Help from a friend

Justin Morneau wants Canadians to help make Joev Votto an all-star.

- The Twins slugger from New Westminster, B.C., is urging the country's baseball fans to give the Cincin-nati Reds first baseman from Toronto a northern push in voting for the final spot on the National . League all-star team.
- Votto was left off the NL roster when the teams were announced, but was added to the ballot allowing fans to choose the last player for each team at the midsummer classic.





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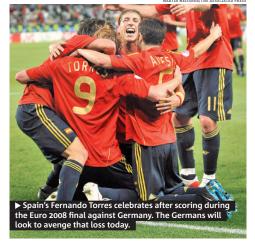
• Germany seeks revenge against Spain in rematch of Euro 2008 final

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World Cup final.

Too bad it will be the semifinals when Germany and Spain face off today at Moses Mabhida Stadium, with many expecting the winner to go on and be crowned world champion four days later. The Spain-Germany winner will play the Netherlands in the fi-

'This would have been a great final, actually," Germany's Lukas Podolski said yesterday. "We want revenge for 2008. When you are in a final you want to win. We still think about that defeat, and it still hurts. We want



to reach the final and we'll do all we can to achieve that."

There's a game in every World Cup that comes a round or two too soon. and Germany-Spain definitely qualifies.

Spain has lost all of two

games since November 2006, and it ended a 44year major title drought when it beat Germany to win the European Championship in 2008. David Villa shares the scoring lead at this World Cup with Wesley Sneijder (five goals),

Germany has played seven World Cup finals and won three of them. Spain has never reached the final and has never beaten Germany in the World Cup.

and the Spanish defence hasn't allowed a goal in the knockout stage.

Germany, meanwhile,

made old rivals England and Argentina look downright silly in their knockout round games, routing them by a combined score of 8-1 to reach a third straight World Cup semi-

Miroslav Klose has regained his old form and, with two goals against Argentina, moved into a tie with Gerd Mueller for second place on the all-time scoring list.

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#### **Sports in brief**

#### **Probert funeral** set for Friday

HOCKEY. A funeral for former NHL forward Bob Probert will be held in

Windsor, Ont., on Friday. Probert, one of the most feared fighters of his generation, died Monday after collapsing while boating with his family. He was 45.

An autopsy was conducted yesterday and foul play is not suspected, according to a release from the Ontario Provincial Police's Essex County detachment. Autopsy results were not released.

His funeral is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. ET Friday at the Windsor Christian Fellowship church. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### **Tour honours** aggression

CYCLING. Canadian Ryder Hesjedal got to climb the podium yesterday at the

Tour de France, but it wasn't quite the accolade he was after.

The 29-year-old from Victoria was honoured as the most aggressive rider in Stage 3 after a fourthplace finish.

Hesjedal launched a breakaway from the field some 13 kilometres into the 213-kilometre ride from Wanze Arenberg to Porte du Hainaut and led the way until he was caught by a group of elite riders near the end. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### **Rutledge leads** Canadian PGA event

GOLF. Jim Rutledge of Victoria shot a 5-under 67 to take the first-round lead at the Canadian PGA Seniors' Championship.

Craig Marseilles of Maple, Ont., was one shot back at 68 while Champions Tour player Rod Spittle of Niagara Falls, Ont., was two off the pace at 69.

Rutledge was 1 under after the first nine holes at RattleSnake Point. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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metre drive

## Understated Avalon adds some pizzazz

◆ Toyota breaks the mould for its flagship sedan and revamps the 2011 model to attract younger buyers ◆ Lorne Drury gives the lowdown on the power and cool of the new Avalon

#### **Power like Camry**

**UNDER THE HOOD** Power for this front-wheel drive vehicle comes from a 24-valve, 3.5-litre DOHC V6 engine, making 268 hp and 248 lb/ft of torque. This is the same engine offered in the upscale Camry models. The V6 is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission and it is equipped with the latest valve-control mechanism to provide a broader power band.

#### **Modern look**

EXTERIOR From the addition of more chrome on the front grille and side rocker panels, to high-tech projector headlamps with light pipes and rear tail lamps with LED light pipes, the Avalon for

2011 has a much more modern look to it. Other new features include foldable heated power side mirrors with LED turn signal, 17-inch polished alloy wheels and prominent dual exhaust pipes. The restyling was carried out at Toyota's California design studio.

#### **Airbags galore**

SAFETY There are seven airbags including the segment's only driver's-side knee airbag. Active front headrests and redesigned rear headrests are included as are Vehicle Stability Control, traction control, ABS with Electronic Brake Force Distribution and Brake Assist.



#### Smooth and soft

HANDLING On the road, the Avalon presents a smooth, comfortable, soft ride— much like you would find in its Lexus counterpart, the ES 350. This is a family entry-luxury sedan and not a sport sedan, so the ride and handling is similar to competitors such as the Hyundai Genesis and Buick Lucerne.

41,100

The new Avalon offers a better overall package than before at a more reasonable price — \$41,100 — which is \$4,745 less than the outgoing model.

#### Plenty of room

INTERIOR Inside, one of the highlights of the Avalon is the amount of rear seat legroom. Three passengers fit comfortably in the rear seats and the wide door openings and flat floor area make entry and exit a breeze. Meanwhile, all seating surfaces are leather, heated in front and with eight-way power adjustments for the driver's seat.

#### Sipping the gas

FUEL ECONOMY The Avalon is rated by Natural Resources Canada at 10.6L/100 km (27 mpg) city and 6.8L/100 km (42 mpg) highway for a combined 8.9L/100 km (32 mpg).



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#### Up and down

#### **Curve Control**

Ford has announced a new innovation, Curve Control, which it said is designed to help drivers maintain control of their vehicles when taking a curve too quickly.





Lexus recall Lexus Canada is recalling nearly 3,700 GS, IS and LS models that may have foreign material contaminating the engine valve springs.



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#### FORD LEADING AT MID-YEAR MARK



The end of June marks the halfway point of the 2010 Canadian vehicle sales year. A perfect time, then, to do some trendspotting and "top-tenning."

lirst a quick recap of the situation, six months ago, at the close of 2009. Canadian vehicle sales took a big swoon in 2009 the lowest annual total since 1998. (The U.S. total was the lowest since 1982.)

GM and Chrysler lead the downward parade, with Chrysler actually slipping to fourth overall, behind

Toyota

But while that bad news was happening, many European brands, and the Korean brands actually grew

Fast-forward six months to today, and those European and Korean brands are still hard at it, with several registering record sales for the month of June. VW Canada, for example, had its best halfyear total in its history, and Hyundai placed two vehicles in the Top Ten (for sales in 2010 YTD).

The major change over 2009, so far, is that overall market is up (by 16 per cent), and that all three players from Detroit are feeling happy, and that

#### Top 10 sellers



Number of units sold at mid-point 2010

#### INDIVIDUAL MODELS

- Ford F-Series 46,610 Chevy Silverado/GMC Sierra 42.656
- Dodge Grand Caravan
- Honda Civic 26,383
- Mazda3 26,383 Ram Pickup 25,310
- Ford Escape 22,078
- Toyota Corolla 20,146
- Hyundai Elantra 17,422 Hyundai Accent 14,020

Honda and Toyota are feeling less happy.

Ford is actually outpacing GM right now, and is currently the top-selling automaker in Canada. This marks the first time in more than 50 years that Ford has lead the market

Data courtesy of Canadian AutoWorld magazine, and the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada (AIAMC)

#### **AUTOMAKERS**

- Ford 132,692
- General Motors 123,138
- Chrysler 105,110 Toyota/Lexus 93,272 (85,897/7,375)
- Hyundai/Kia 88,720 (62,214/26,506)
- ► Honda/Acura 66,271 (58,223/8,048)
- Nissan/Infiniti 41,516 (37,593/3,923)
- Mazda 40,859
- VW/Audi 30.309 (22,885/7,424)
- Mercedes-Benz/smart 15,896 (14,777/1,119)

Source: DesRosiers **Automotive Reports** 

for two consecutive quarters.

GM and Chrysler are also doing great in 2010, but this better performance is best described as a return to normalcy, rather than an outright sales party.

Here are some other

mid-year highlights and lowlights...

- Saab has yet to sell a car in 2010.
- Truck sales grew 27 percent, while car sales dropped three per cent. Fullsize pickups continue to reign as top sellers. For everything that's happening, we still love our pickups.
  • June was the second
- month in row, where the Detroit troika outperformed their import rivals
- Death of the minivan has been postponed — Canadians bought lots of them, particularly the Dodge Caravan, the second best selling vehicle in the country.
- Jaguar and Land Rover doing well (up 27 per cent) for their new owners
- Canadians like their Mercedes-Benz vehicles with diesel and all-wheel drive. Where available, the diesel "take rate" was 77.9 per cent, while the 4Matic units accounted for 74.1 per cent of overall units.

• Mazda3 gaining on Civic for title of bestselling passenger car in Canada.



#### Get in repair zone remotely

AUDI Cameras will soon be focused on all Audi Centre service areas as part of a new direct reception initiative being rolled out across the network. It will enable Audi customers to view in "real time," and communicate with, technicians as they carry out diagnosis and repair work. No date has been set for its implementation in Canada. From the Audi Centre reception area customers will have direct audio-visual access to their cars as they are worked on by technicians equipped with "Audi Cams" and two-way audio links.

#### It pays to choose the correct grade of fuel

For most drivers, filling up at the pump is an automatic routine. But considering that cars are typically one of our largest investments, it's important to remember that building good habits for the way we take care of them can mean the difference between trou-ble-free driving and costly

According to a recent Angus Reid survey, one in four Canadians asked don't keep up with the recommended maintenance schedule for their vehicles and one in three aren't seeking the correct grade of fuel as recommended by their vehicle's manufacturer.

While most engines will work regardless of the fuel grade or quality, a big part of engine maintenance is making sure you select the right type of gasoline for your vehicle.

You probably associate octane with the number you see at the pumps, but the technical explanation for octane is the measure of the fuel's ability to resist "engine knock"

If you use a lower octane rating in an engine designed to use higher octane knocking engine might occur, causing the car to shudder and lose per-



formance. If your vehicle's engine is designed to run on regular grade unleaded gasoline, that's all it should re-

However, using octane above the recommended level won't harm the en-

#### Cleaning agents

The enemy of engine efficiency is engine "gunk", or harmful carbon deposits left behind on intake valves and fuel injectors.

This gunk acts like a sponge, absorbing and trapping gasoline.Choosing a gasoline for your vehicle is like choosing a meal for your body — healthy habits can make a difference. Fortunately, preventing engine gunk is easy.

Certain enriched gasolines are designed to protect your engine from gunk and even help clean engine gunk left by lower-quality gasolines.

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#### News in brief



#### Evoque pics revealed

RANGE ROVER The first official picture of the allnew compact Range Rover has been released-Named the Evoque, this all-new model will be the smallest, lightest and most fuel efficient Range Rover ever produced. FROM CARGUIDE

#### Ford resale value jumps

USED CAR PRICE INDEX The resale value of newer Ford vehicles in Canada rose 28 per cent during the past 18 months, the result of stronger demand for Ford's new vehicle lineup and improved quality and durability ratings, according to the RVI Used Car Price Index.







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## Swift + got price appeal

#### Suzuki model known for fuel economy → If you want a car with no frills, then this car is for you

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Engineered almost solely for bottom-line pricing and good fuel economy, the Suzuki Swift + is a more common machine than you might think. Though it wears the badge of Japan's smallest auto manufacturer, the Swift + was re-badged for sale to

#### Suzuki Swift +

 MODEL YEARS 2004-08
 VEHICLE TYPE Compact sedan/five-door
 APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE \$5,000-7,000 Canadians as both the Chevrolet Aveo and Pontiac Wave. Beyond that, the actual platform for all three vehicles was from a Korean-made Daewoo model called the Kalos.

The last generation of the Swift + / Aveo / Wave was available to Canadians from 2004 to 2008 in both five-door hatchback and four-door sedan body styles.

Look for goodies like body-coloured accents, heated mirrors, fog-lamps, air conditioning, remote entry and a six-speaker stereo on the standard or optional equipment lists depending on the model you're considering.

#### What Owners Like

Not surprisingly, affordability, fuel economy, features-per-dollar and



practicality were all major reasons that shoppers decided on a Swift + at the time of purchase. Many owners also like the styling, maneuverability and visibility offered by their their machines, too.

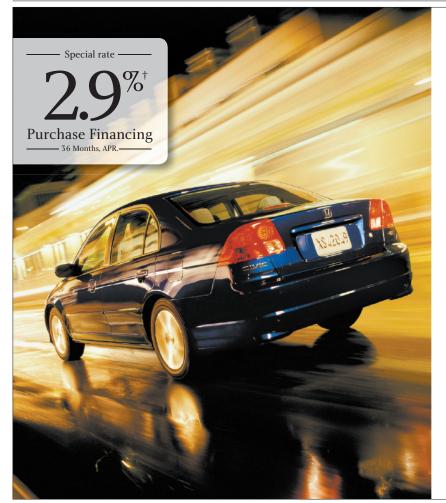
#### **What Owners Hate**

Common complaints of the Swift + include limited rear-seat room, limited storage space and a choppy ride on some surfaces. Some owners wish for more power and a quieter ride. too.

#### **Common issues**

Been driving a manual transmission for years? Considering a Swift + with a stick shift? Be double sure the clutch engages and returns as expected.

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#### Sudoku

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#### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

A look at the weather

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Happy 45 months Cathy! I love you <3 PVNN

#### Today's horoscope

#### T Aries March 21-April 20 A family problem that has been

worrying you will disappear as if by magic today. The reason it worked itself out was because you did not interfere.

#### ¥ Taurus April 23-May 21

There are people out there who believe it isn't right that you should speak your mind, that certain words and phrases are unacceptable. That's nonsense. You are free to say what you think any time you like.

#### II Gemini May 22-June 21

Someone has taken advantage of you once too often and now you must cast them into outer darkness - or maybe just cross them off your party list. No matter how much they beg for forgiveness don't give in.

#### Gancer June 22-July 22 You seem to be hitting all your targets and fulfilling all your ambitions. Good for you, but don't forget that not everyone is having it so easy. What can you do to ease a loved one's

endured a lot in recent weeks but you have to admit that the experience has in some indefinable way made you

TV Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Success comes in many forms, not all of them related to fame and fortune. Your current level of success can be measured by how many friends rally round when you need a helping hand. Yes, you really are that popular.

#### **← Libra Sept. 23-0ct. 23** Make

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the most of this time. Do something out of the ordinary. Show employers and other important people that you've got what it takes.

> M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will find it very easy to get others to see things your way. The only danger is that if your way is the wrong way they won't be too happy about it. Are you going to let that possibility worry you? Of course not.

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Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to be a bit more ruthless in your business dealings, especially if you like to believe that other people are motivated by kindness and generosity. Sadly, it's not always true.

#### り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

TODAY

Max 23°

Min 10°

It may be easy enough to avoid a challenge today but if you do it will only come back at you tomorrow or the day after. It will also give your rivals the impression that you are afraid to act.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time and energy tackling other people's problems when you've got issues of your own that need to be

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Put the finishing touches to something you have been working on for months, maybe even vears. It's GOT to be ready in time for the solar eclipse on the 11th.

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